

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A protective covering for use with a table top and child's chair, said child's chair having a front arm portion, comprising:

a main protective portion; and

5 a front protective portion attached to said main protective portion and adapted to operatively attach to said front arm portion of said child's chair, said front protective portion being adapted to extend from said table top to said child's chair.

2. The protective covering of claim 1 wherein said main protective portion comprises a bottom side for contacting said table top and a top side, said bottom side having skid
10 resistant portions for resisting skidding of said protective covering across said table top.

3. The protective covering of claim 1, wherein said main protective portion includes a pocket formed therein.

4. The protective covering of claim 1 wherein said front protective portion includes a coupling element for coupling said front protective portion to said front arm portion of said
15 child's chair.

5. The protective covering of claim 4 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional button closures.

20 6. The protective covering of claim 1, said child's chair further having two side arm portions, further comprising two side protective portions attached to and extending from said

front protective portion, at least one of said side protective portions being adapted to operatively attach to one of said side arm portions.

7. The protective covering of claim 6 wherein said side arm portions are substantially orthogonal to said front protective portion.

5 8. The protective covering of claim 6 wherein each of said side protective portions includes a coupling element for coupling said side protective portion to said side arm portions of said child's chair.

9. The protective covering of claim 8 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting
10 magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional button closures.

10. The protective covering of claim 9 wherein said main protective portion comprises a bottom side for contacting said table top and a top side, said bottom side having skid resistant portions for resisting skidding of said protective covering across said table top.

15 11. The protective covering of claim 9, wherein said main protective portion includes a pocket formed therein.

12. The protective covering of claim 9 wherein said side arm portions are substantially orthogonal to said front protective portion.

13. A protective covering for use with a table top and child's chair, said child's chair
20 having a front arm portion, comprising:
a main protective portion;
an intermediate portion extending from said main protective portion; and

a front protective portion extending from said pocket portion and adapted to operatively attach to said front arm portion of said child's chair.

14. The protective covering of claim 13 wherein said main protective portion comprises a bottom side for contacting said table top and a top side, said bottom side having skid
5 resistant portions for resisting skidding of said protective covering across said table top.

15. The protective covering of claim 13 wherein said front protective portion includes a coupling element for coupling said front protective portion to said front arm portion of said child's chair.

16. The protective covering of claim 15 wherein said coupling elements are selected
10 from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional button closures.

17. The protective covering of claim 13 wherein said intermediate portion includes a pocket formed therein.

15 18. The protective covering of claim 17 wherein said front protective portion includes a coupling element for coupling said front protective portion to said front arm portion of said child's chair.

19. The protective covering of claim 18 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting
20 magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional button closures.

20. The protective covering of claim 13, said child's chair further having two side arm portions, further comprising two side protective portions attached to and extending from said intermediate portion, at least one of said side protective portions being adapted to operatively attach to one of said side arm portions.

5 21. The protective covering of claim 20 wherein said side arm portions are substantially orthogonal to said intermediate portion.

22. The protective covering of claim 20 wherein each of said side protective portions include a coupling element for coupling said side protective portions to said side arm portions of said child's chair.

10 23. The protective covering of claim 22 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional button closures.

24. The protective covering of claim 22 wherein said main protective portion
15 comprises a bottom side for contacting said table top and a top side, said bottom side having skid resistant portions for resisting skidding of said protective covering across said table top.

25. The protective covering of claim 20 wherein said intermediate portion includes a pocket formed therein.

26. The protective covering of claim 25 wherein said side arm portions are
20 substantially orthogonal to said intermediate portion.

27. The protective covering of claim 25 wherein said side protective portions include coupling elements for coupling said side protective portions to said side arm portions of said child's chair.

28. The protective covering of claim 25 wherein said main protective portion
5 comprises a bottom side for contacting said table top and a top side, said bottom side having skid resistant portions for resisting skidding of said protective covering across said table top.

29. The protective covering of claim 27 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: adhesive portions, hook-and-loop fabric; mutually attracting magnetic portions; ball-and-socket snaps; hook and loop fasteners; ribbon ties; and traditional
10 button closures.

30. The protective covering of claim 29 wherein said side arm portions are substantially orthogonal to said intermediate portion.

31. A placemat for use with a table and a chair comprising: a main placement area for placement on said table and at least one side flap extending from a side of said main placement
15 area.

32. The placemat of claim 31 further comprising: two side flaps extending from a side of said main placemat area; and a front flap extending between said side flaps from a side of main placement area.

33. The placemat of claim 32 wherein said side flaps are longer than said front flap.

20 34. The placemat of claim 33 wherein said side flaps and said front flap form a U-shaped opening facing away from said main placement area.

35. The placemat of claim 34 wherein said chair includes side arms, further comprising coupling elements on said side flaps to releasably couple said placemat to said side arms of said chair.

36. The placemat of claim 35 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: hook and loop segments, metal brads, magnets, sticking pads and buttons.

37. The placemat of claim 34 wherein said chair includes a front arm, further comprising coupling elements on said front flap to releasably couple said placemat to said front arm of said chair.

38. The placemat of claim 37 wherein said coupling elements are selected from the group comprising: hook and loop segments, metal brads, magnets, sticking pads and buttons.

39. The placemat of claim 32, said placemat area having a top surface and a bottom surface, further comprising a pocket, said pocket being provided in said top surface of said main placement area.

40. The placemat of claim 32, wherein said placemat area has a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface being constructed of vinyl.

41. The placemat of claim 32, wherein said placemat area has a top surface and a bottom surface, said bottom surface being constructed of a skid resistant material.

42. The placemat of claim 32, wherein said placemat area has a top surface and a bottom surface, further comprising an intermediate layer located between said top surface and said bottom surface.

43. The placemat of claim 42, wherein said top surface is constructed of a translucent or transparent material and said intermediate layer is constructed of a printed fabric.